

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2562 - HB 2648**

February 15, 2010

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Exempts out-of-state residents from wearing a motorcycle helmet if the motorcycle is registered in a state that does not require persons over the age of 21 to wear a motorcycle helmet while operating the motorcycle.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenue – Net Impact - Not Significant**  
**Increase State Expenditures – Net Impact - Not Significant**

**Increase Local Revenue – Net Impact - Not Significant**  
**Increase Local Expenditures – Net Impact - Not Significant**

**Assumptions:**

- According to the Department of Safety, there are approximately 50 convictions for violations of the helmet law per year with an average fine of \$15. Some of these violations for non-residents will be eliminated by the provisions of the bill but there could be an increase in some Tennessee riders attempting to ride without a helmet. The net impact on revenue and expenditures is estimated to be not significant.
- Any impact to local government will be similar to that of the state.
- According to the Bureau of TennCare, it is unlikely that any out-of-state resident injured in Tennessee would become a TennCare enrollee due to head injuries sustained due to the lack of a helmet.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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